

### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment and reconsideration of the claims. Applicants submit that the Amendment is now in the proper format.

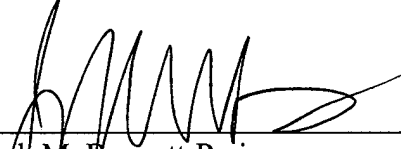
### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants believe that all claims as currently pending are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD, PC

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